How to enroll for VA Services

Active-duty personnel and Reservist or national guard embers who served in a theater of combat operations are eligible for free care for any condition that may be associate with a combat experience for a period of up to <u>five years</u> beginning on the date of separation from active duty. After five years standard eligibility rules will apply

Come to the VA with your DD-214 and fill out a Medical Benefits Application.

OR

Apply online at <u>www.va.gov</u>



Mission:

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle..."

President Abraham Lincoln

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COMING HOME

Returning home from a combat zone always involves readjustment. Returning veterans often report that they:

- Have short tempers.
- Forget things and have trouble concentrating.
- Constantly recall memories of the combat zone.
- Miss the excitement of deployment.
- Have trouble sleeping and experience nightmares.
- Have problems "fitting in" with family and friends and at work.
- Want to keep to themselves.
- Feel jumpy and hyper-alert.
- Drink more alcohol.



Online resiliency training for families of veterans. http://www.familyofheroes.com/



HOW CAN WE HELP

The VA offers services to help our returning Veterans:

- Enhance resilience
- Learn to cope with the impact of combat service
- Transform potentially damaging events into chances for growth
- Strengthen family relationships
- Make a full adjustment to life at home

Contact us at:

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Available Health Care Services:

- Outpatient services— medical, mental health and specialty clinics.
- Inpatient services medical, mental health, extended care and residential programs.
- Sexual trauma counseling.
- Specialized health care for women veterans.
- Outreach programs for homeless Veterans.
- · Readjustment counseling.
- Alcohol and drug dependency Treatment.
- Evaluation for military service exposure, including: Gulf War, Agent Orange, Ionizing Radiation, and certain other environmental hazards.
- Veterans Industries.

